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Trail**
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About the Route

Elliott Bay Trail (sometimes referred to as the Terminal 91 Bike Trail) leaves off in the north from the Elliott Bay Marina parking lot, which is a private lot. Public parking can be found 0.2 miles east of the marina at Smith Cove

Park, where trail users can enjoy bay views of the Great Wheel and Lumen Field, dwarfed by Mount Rainier. This is also the site of a once-active Northern Pacific Railway coal bunker pier, a 2,500-foot trestle that was later replaced by Great Northern Railroad piers 88 and 89. In 1921, the Port of Seattle built piers 40 and 41 (later renumbered 90 and 91), which, at 2,530 feet, were acknowledged to be the longest concrete piers in the world.

Follow signs to a fenced pathway and past 20th Avenue West (which comes in 0.9 miles) leading to the Ballard Locks. Rail enthusiasts will enjoy views of Balmer Yard, which often has a group of road engines set to pull a train or switcher pairs along 20th Avenue West. Besides the active BNSF Railway tracks, a steep overpass suggests walking your bike or sidestepping your skates down the very narrow descent before crossing a set of tracks.

Following the tracks, the trail passes under the Magnolia Bridge Ramp and then, in 0.3 miles, travels through the Expedia campus. Look out for the first of three bike/pedestrian bridges connecting the trail to Elliott Avenue West. Continuing another 0.2 miles to Elliott Bay Park, the trail passes the Pier 86 Grain Terminal right around the start of the second bike/pedestrian bridge. The Amgen Helix Pedestrian Bridge, including an elevator, heads over the railroad tracks to West Prospect Street and Elliott Avenue West.

Farther on is a fishing pier at Centennial Park, followed by Myrtle Edwards Park in another 0.3 mile, where a grassy area with benches and landscape art separates pedestrian and wheeled paths. Beginner skaters can expect a bit of buckled pavement and a few curves (the slope is gentler on the pedestrian path). To access a shopping and dining area, trail users can veer off the trail at Myrtle Edwards Park, taking a bike/pedestrian bridge over Elliott Avenue to reach West Thomas Street and Third Avenue West via a ramp.



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States: Washington

Counties: King

Length: 3.9miles

Trail end points: Elliott Bay Marina (Seattle) to
Olympic Sculpture Park (Seattle)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Elliott Bay Trail runs between Elliott Bay Marina (Seattle) and the Olympic Sculpture Park (Seattle).

Parking is available at:

- Smith Cove Park, 1450 23rd Ave. W (Seattle)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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